

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the current Abstract with the following new Abstract:

A method and apparatus for building a multi-discipline and multi-media personal medical image library are disclosed to enable the creation of teaching files and research datasets in the personal medical image library. The method and apparatus are for building a personal medical image library by retrieving medical images from various sources and in different formats to store and organize medical images and metadata in a database which can also be used to exchange image data in a predetermined schema such as MIRC to exchange teaching files and research datasets within the global MIRC community. Information, in particular patient sensitive information, embedded in the image, such as the metadata, is read and anonymized and does not appear in resulting teaching files and datasets.